

**NOTICE OF TYPE II
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
APPLICATION AND OPTIONAL
SEPA DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**



The Clark County Department of Community Development has received an application for development review, as described below. Based on a review of the submitted application materials, the County expects to issue a **Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)** for the proposal allowed by state law and Clark County Code (CCC), Section 40.570.040(E) – Optional DNS Process. As lead agency, the county has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures are adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws rules, as provided by RCW 43.21.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA. The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes and the project review.

Comments received within the deadline will be considered in the review of the proposal. Your response to this notice may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal. No additional comment period will be provided unless probable significant environmental impacts are identified during the review process, which would require additional study or special mitigation. The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared.

Closing Date for Public Comments:
January 13, 2010 (15 days from notice)

Information regarding this application can be obtained by contacting the staff contact person listed below, or visit the Public Service Center, Development Services Division, 1300 Franklin Street, 3rd Floor, Vancouver, Washington.

Date of this notice: 12/29/09

Project Name: POR LA CENTER

Case Number: PSR2009-00043; SEP2009-00087

Location: 30400 NE Timmen Road

Request: The applicant is requesting site plan approval to add a 2' diameter micro-wave dish onto an existing 150' wireless communications tower, remove existing omni-antennas, and replace them with up to 12-panel antennas. The approximately 5.1 acre site is zoned R1-10 with Urban Holding 20 (UH-20) overlay zone.

Applicant: Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless
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Portland, OR 97230
(503)408-3436; (503)408-3488 fax

Contact Person: Urban Wireless
Shanin Prusia
10376 SE Sunburst Way
Portland, OR 97086
(503)720-7295; (503)536-6808 fax
shanin@urbanwirelessinc.com

Property Owner: Loren & Oveta Beck
30400 NE Timmen Road
Ridgefield, WA 98642

Zoning: R1-10 /UH-20

Comp Plan Designation: UL

Parcel Number(s): 211465-000

Township: 4 North Range: 1 East NE & SE ¼ of Section: 10

Applicable Code Sections:

Clark County Code (CCC) Chapter: 40.260.250 Wireless Communications Facilities), 40.220.010 (Urban Residential Districts, R1-10), 40.230.070 (Urban Holding Districts, UH-20), 40.520.040 (Site Plan Review), 40.570 (SEPA), 40.320 (Landscaping and Screening), 40.350 (Transportation), 40.380 (Stormwater Drainage and Erosion Control), 40.500 (Process)

Neighborhood Contact:

Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association, Dave Kelly, 1360 S 38th Court
Ridgefield, WA 98642, 887-0750, E-mail: dkelly@pacifier.com

Staff Contact Person:

Planner Name, Michael Uduk, (360) 397-2375, ext. 4385

E-mail: michael.uduk@clark.wa.gov

Development Services Manger, Michael Butts (360) 397-2375, ext. 4137

Please email SEPA comments to: michael.uduk@clark.wa.gov

Responsible Official: Michael V. Butts, Development Services Manager
Public Service Center, Department of Community Development, 1300 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 9810, Vancouver, WA 98666-9810

Application Filing date: 10/7/09
Fully Complete Date: 12/16/09

SEPA Options:

As lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules [Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC)], Clark County must determine if there are possible significant adverse environmental impacts associated with this proposal. The options include the following:

- **DS = Determination of Significance** (The impacts cannot be mitigated through conditions of approval and, therefore, requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- **MDNS = Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance** (The impacts can be mitigated through conditions of approval); or,
- **DNS = Determination of Non-Significance** (The impacts can be addressed by applying the County Code).

Timelines/Process:

Decisions on Type II applications are made within 78 calendar days of the Fully Complete date (noted above), unless placed on hold for the submittal of additional information.

Appeal Process:

The responsible official's decision on the application may be appealed to the County Hearings Examiner by the applicant or any person or group that qualifies as a "Part of Record." To qualify as a party of record, you must have submitted written comments or a written request to be identified as a Party of Record within the comment deadline. Note: If an accurate mailing address for those submitting comment is not included, they will not qualify as a "Party of Record" and, therefore, will not have standing to appeal the decision. An appellant must submit an appeal application and appeal fee within 14 calendar days after the written notice of the decision is mailed.

SEPA Appeals:

A **procedural SEPA appeal** is an appeal of the determination (i.e., determination of significance, determination of non-significance, or mitigated determination of non-significance).

A **substantive SEPA appeal** is an appeal of the conditions required to mitigate for probable significant issues not adequately addressed by existing County Code or other law.

A **procedural or substantive appeal** must be filed within fourteen (14) calendar days of this determination, together with the appeal fee. Such appeals will be considered at a scheduled public hearing and decided by the Hearing Examiner in a subsequent written decision.

Information Available on the County Web Page:

- "Weekly Preliminary Plan Review Status Report," (includes current applications, staff reports and final decisions):
(<http://www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/active-landuseN.html>)
- Pre-Application Conferences and Public Land Use Hearing Agendas:
(<http://www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/agendasN.asp>)

- Applications and Information Handouts for each Type of Land Use Permit:
(<http://www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/applicationsN.html>) (*Landuse*)

Phone: (360) 397-2375; Fax: (360) 397-2011

Web Page at: <http://www.clark.wa.gov>

Attachments:

- Proposed project site/land division plan
- Map of property owners receiving notice

Agency Distribution:

This notice is being provided to the following agencies with jurisdiction whose services maybe impacted by implementation of this proposal:

Federal Agencies:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Enforcement Division
Tribes:	Cowlitz Indian Tribe Yakama Nation Chinook Tribe
State Agencies:	Department of Natural Resources (S.W. Region) Department of Ecology Department of Fish and Wildlife Department of Transportation
Regional Agencies:	Fort Vancouver Regional Library Southwest Clean Air Agency Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation
Local Agencies:	Clark County Department of Community Development Development Services Development Engineering Fire Marshal's Office Clark County Health Department Clark County Public Works Transportation Division Clark County Conservation District Clark County Water Resource Council City of Vancouver Transportation
Special Purpose Agencies:	Fire Protection District # Clark County Clark Public Utilities Clark Regional Wastewater District/City of Vancouver Water/Sewer
The Media	The Columbian The Oregonian The Reflector Vancouver Business Journal The Post Record
Other:	Applicant Clark County Neighbors Clark County Natural Resources Council Clark County Citizens United C-Tran Neighborhood Association

Add Attachment for Agencies:

- SEPA checklist

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **Micro-wave dish addition – Verizon Wireless WCF; La Center, WA**
2. Name of applicant: **Verizon Wireless (VZW) LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
Contact Person: Urban Wireless, Shanin Prusia, 10376 SE Sunburst Way, Portland, OR 97086
shanin@urbanwirelessinc.com
Applicant: Verizon Wireless, 5430 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR 97230
4. Date checklist prepared: **11-5-2009**
5. Agency requesting checklist: **Clark County**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): **As soon as needed permits & authorizations are obtained.**
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. **None at this time.**

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. **None – only the addition of a 2' diameter micro-wave dish, removal of Omni antennas and the replacement of up to 12 panel antennas to an existing tower used by Verizon Wireless.**

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. **None at this time.**

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. **Clark County Type II Review and Clark County Building Permit.**

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Addition of antennas and micro-wave dish to an existing WCF used by Verizon Wireless. No modifications to the tower, ground equipment, or anything else proposed at this time.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous,
other
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **N/A – no ground disturbance proposed on neither the entire parcel nor the existing fenced equipment compound.**
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. **Unknown – no ground disturbance proposed on neither the entire parcel nor the existing fenced equipment compound.**
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **None.**
- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. **None.**
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **None.**
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **None.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
N/A – no ground disturbance proposed on neither the entire parcel nor the existing fenced equipment compound.

a. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. **None.**
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **None.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: **None.**

3. Water

- a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. **None.**

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. **None.**

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3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. **None.**

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **None.**

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.
The existing WCF site is not in a floodplain.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. **None.**

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **None.**

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. **None.**

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A – no ground disturbance proposed on neither the entire parcel nor the existing fenced equipment compound.

Compound surface of gravel is a pervious surface.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. **None.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any: **None.**

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4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

_____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

_____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

_____ shrubs

_____ grass

_____ pasture

_____ crop or grain

_____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

_____ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

XX_____ other types of vegetation – **graveled and fenced equipment compound.**

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? **None.**

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. **None.**

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: **None.**

5. **Animals**

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: **No unique animals have been observed.**

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. **None.**

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. **Unknown.**

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: **None.**

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6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. **Site uses electrical power only. No increase due to this micro-wave dish addition.**
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?
If so, generally describe. **No.**
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?
List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: **None.**

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?
If so, describe. **None.**

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **None.**

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **None.**

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **None.**

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. **None.**

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: **None.**

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? **Existing WCF site in low-density residential area.**
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. **No.**
- c. Describe any structures on the site. **Existing Verizon Wireless WCF site. With a mono-pole tower, equipment shelter building and a fenced compound at the base of the mono-pole.**
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? **None.**
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? **R-5**
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? **Residential.**
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? **None.**
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.
None – fenced equipment compound at the base of a WCF.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? **None.**
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? **None.**
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: **None.**
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: **Submitting Type II Application to Clark County.**

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **None.**
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **None.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: **None.**

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? **No increase in height proposed. Please see enclosed site plans. The existing tower is 150' and that will not change.**
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **None.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: **None.**

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? **None.**
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? **No.**
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? **None.**
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: **None.**

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? **None.**
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. **None.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: **None.**

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe. **None.**
- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. **None.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: **None.**

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. **No modification to the existing WCF site access proposed.**
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? **N/A – unmanned WCF facility.**
- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? **No modifications to the compound, parking or access proposed.**
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **None.**
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. **No.**
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. **One vehicle trip per month for routine maintenance of the WCF equipment.**
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **None.**

15. Public services

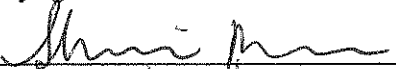
- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. **No.**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **None.**

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. **No modifications proposed.**

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: , Shanin Prusia, Urban Wireless as Agent for Verizon Wireless

Date Submitted: 11/20/09

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

It will have no impact.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: **None.**

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

It will have no impact.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: **None.**

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

It will have no impact.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: **None.**

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

It will have no impact.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: **None.**

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5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

It will have no impact.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: **None.**

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? **It will have no impact.**

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: **None.**

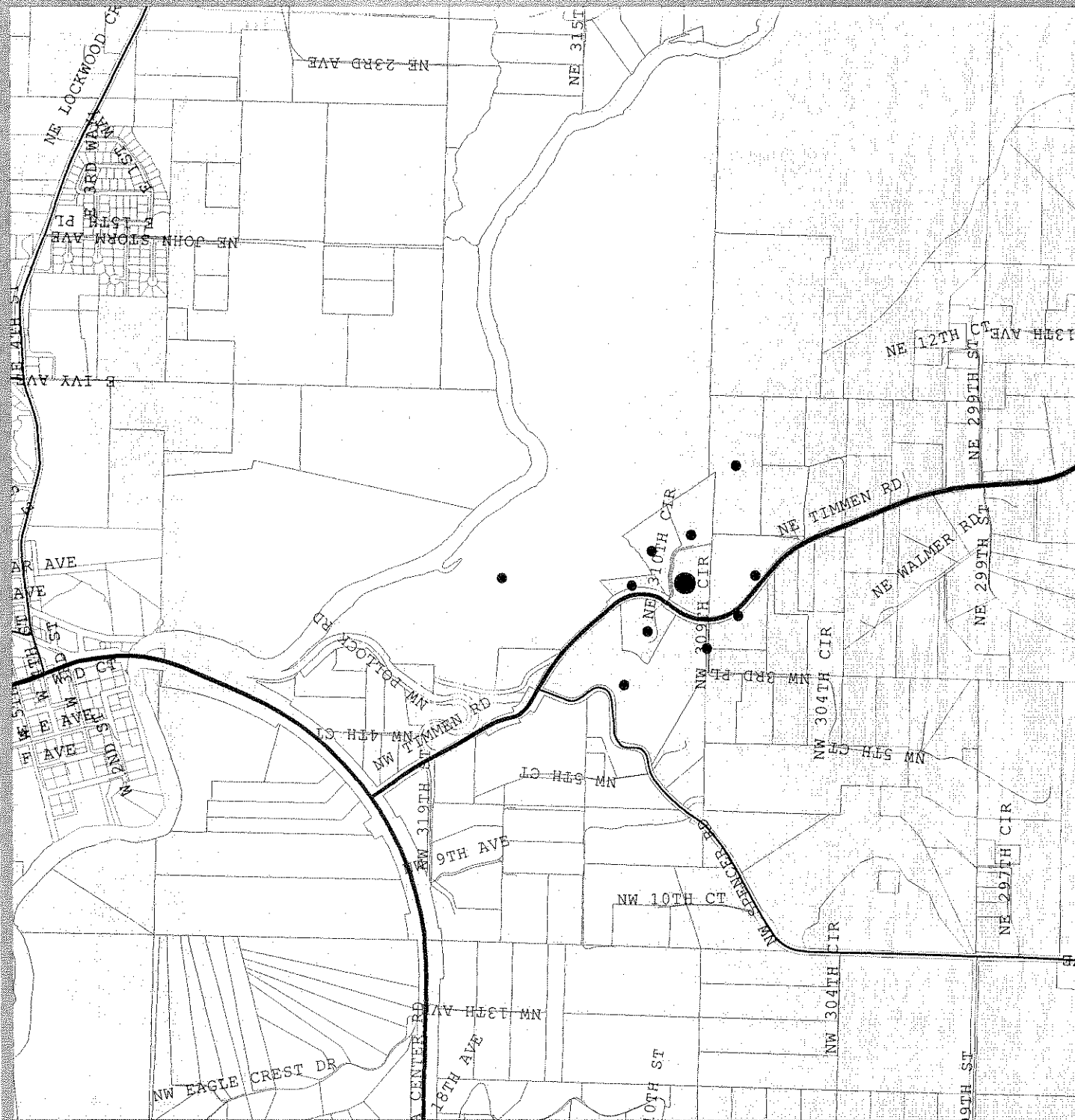
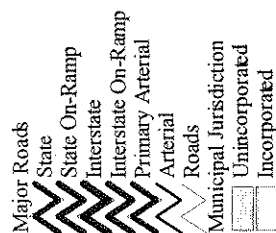
7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. **No conflicts foreseen.**

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